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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application prior to
examination on the merits as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after the title, please insert the following paragraph:

-- CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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This application is a National Phase application concerning a
filing under 35 U.S.C. 371, of International Patent Application Serial No.
PCT/GB99/03548, filed October 27, 1999, which claims priority on British
Patent Application Serial No. 9823397.6, filed October 27, 1998, both of which
are incorporated herein by reference. —